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1) U.S. patent application no. 10/238,927, entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Transferring Information Between Different Streaming Protocols at Wire Speed," filed on September 9, 2002, of Rahim Ibrahim et al.

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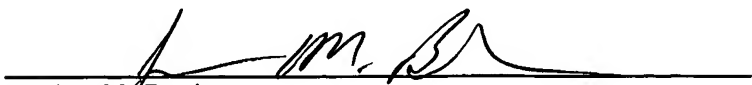
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